

## Message Text

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TAGS: PFOR, PL, VT

SUBJECT: PZPR STATEMENT REFERS TO OLSZOWSKI'S VATICAN VISIT

REF: WARSAW 5963 (NOTAL)

1. A STATEMENT ISSUED FOLLOWING THE PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO'S NOV 16 SESSION, WHICH HEARD REPORTS ON THE ECONOMY AND ON RECENT HIGH-LEVEL VISITS TO AND FROM POLAND, PORTRAYS FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI'S PAPAL AUDIENCE IN HIGHLY APPROVING TERMS: "THE POLITBURO SATISFIED ITSELF THAT THE AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL VI PLUS THE DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT THE VATICAN CONSTITUTE A VITAL STEP IN THE DIRECTION ON NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN POLAND AND THE VATICAN AND SERVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN EUROPE ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE".

2. WE FIND THIS A FORTHRIGHT AND CONFIDENT EXPRESSION  
OF THE REGIME'S DESIRE TO MOVE TOWARD FORMAL TIES  
WITH THE VATICAN. COMPARED WITH THE EARLIER, SOMEWHAT  
CAUTIOUS PRESS TREATMENT OLSZOWSKI'S NOV 12 PAPAL  
AUDIENCE HAD RECEIVED HERE, IT REFLECTS A FIRM  
SATISFACTION WITH THE WAY THE VATICAN VISIT DEVELOPED.  
SUCH A STATEMENT FROM THE PARTY'S TOP RULING BODY ABOUT  
TIES WITH THE VATICAN STRIKES US AS UNUSUAL, POSSIBLE  
UNPRECEDENTED FOR ANY COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERSHIP.  
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